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SUBJ: WAIVER OF FPA AID DEDUCTIONS

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1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TODAY INFORMED AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO OF PRESIDENT'S WAIVER OF AID DEDUCTIONS AND MADE POINTS A THROUGH C LISTED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL. IN REPLY, QUEVEDO

A. SAID THAT WAIVER WAS POSITIVE STEP WHICH HE APPRECIATED.

B. EMPHASIZED, WITH REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF INTERIM SOLUTION TO SEIZURE PROBLEM, IMPORTANCE OF REMOVING SANCTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, QUEVEDO MADE CLEAR THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT REPEAL OF PUNITIVE LEGISLATION WAS NECESSARY. HE STRESSED THAT, OVER AND ABOVE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS OF WHETHER INDIVIDUAL SANCTIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED OR WAIVED, CONFIDENTIAL

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ECUADOR WAS CONCERNED ABOUT MORAL IMPLICATIONS OF

PUNITIVE LEGISLATION. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS--AS QUEVEDO SHOULD BE AWARE AS RESULT OF JULY DEBATE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES--NO POSSIBILITY OF SECURING REPEAL OF LEGISLATION. SINCE ECUADOR COULD NOT CHANGE ITS POSITION ON 200 MILES, IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO SEE IF SOME SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF STEPS WHICH IT WAS PRACTICABLE FOR

EACH GOVERNMENT TO TAKE.

C. ASKED IF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS COULD ACCOUNT FOR LACK OF SEIZURES SINCE FEBRUARY AND INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. BOATS WERE PURCHASING LICENSES. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS REPLIED THAT U.S. BOATS APPARENTLY WERE NOT OPERATING OFF ECUADOR BECAUSE OF LACK OF TUNA THERE, GOOD FISHING IN OTHER AREAS, AND UNCERTAINTY ABOUT FUEL AVAILABILITIES.

2. WHEN DEPARTMENT OFFICERS INFORMED PERUVIAN MINISTER ROCA ZELA, HE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT THAT ACTION WAS FURTHER INDICATION OF USG DESIRE IMPROVE RELATIONS AND EXPRESSED HOPE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE ARRIVE AT INTERIM AGREEMENT TO AVOID SEIZURES. RUSH

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